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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CREATING, MAINTAINING, AND
CONTROLLING A VIRTUAL ELECTRODE USED FOR THE ABLATION OF
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 1, 2005 and filed in support of the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: